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LOK SABHA

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CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES FOR AGRIULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is compulsory for State Governments to submit utilization certificates, proposals and project reports to draw benefit of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Agricultural Development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of State Governments that are not submitting such reports regularly; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Funds are released to the States for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes based on their Annual Action Plans/Proposals/State Extension Work Plans. Further releases of funds as per the General Financial Rules of the Government of India are made to the States/Implementing Agencies only after receipt of the Utilization Certificates.

(c): Under the Scheme of Support to State Extension Programme for Extension reforms, State Extension Work Plans for 2007-08 are due from Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Delhi. The audited Utilization Certificates for 2005-06 are due from Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tripura.

Under the Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme, the State of Assam has not furnished the Utilization Certificate.

(d): The concerned States have been reminded to submit their Work Plans/Utilization Certificates at the earliest.